

## COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA

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## OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

July 1, 2022

Dr. Tamarah Holmes Director, Office of Broadband Department of Housing and Community Development 600 East Main Street, Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23219

RE: FY 23 Intent to submit Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) Grant Application

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am writing to provide notice; Washington County is discussing several options with one or more Internet Service Providers for this year's application cycle. Our intent is to submit an application that closes gaps from our previously funded VATI grants. We are working a plan to deploy Broadband Fiber to support our Eco-Tourism Industries in and around the communities of Damascus and Mendota.

I appreciate the VATI program and the hard work your staff is doing, to connect all citizens within the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Jason N. Berry

County Administrator

Washington County, VA

Cc: Chandler Vaughan, Broadband Policy Analyst